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January 23, 2006

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Targets and California Climate Action Team Recommendations

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria is a federally recognized Indian Tribe in California. In 1992 the tribe was established as the Federated Coast Miwok; then upon restoration, renamed the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. The tribe consists of both **Coast Miwok** and **Southern Pomo** people. Our tribal ancestors existed for thousands of years before us with territorial lands which include all of Marin and southern Sonoma counties.

The Coast Miwok are from the areas of Novato, Marshall, Tomales, San Rafael, Petaluma and Bodega. The Southern Pomo people are from the Sebastopol area. Many of the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo people still live within their ancestral territories.

We are still here... And live within this contemporary world, determined to keep our traditions and culture alive. Our current membership is 1,083 strong. Each tribal member can be traced and is documented to the original 14 surviving ancestors of the tribe. We honor our elders and also the children who are the next generation, and our future.

With our future generations in mind, I strongly support the greenhouse gas reduction targets you set for California on June 1, 2005.

I also support the key recommendations in the Climate Action Team's report dated December 8, 2005:

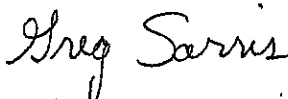
- A mandatory reporting requirement starting with the largest emitters
- A public goods charge on petroleum
- A coordinated investment strategy for state funding programs
- Early action credit to California businesses.

Regarding the public goods charge, I concur that Californians have accrued great benefits from the electricity and natural gas public goods funds. I expect we will accrue similar efficiencies in transportation, the single biggest source of global warming pollution in our state, by using the funds generated through the proposed petroleum public goods charge.

Global warming threatens our economy, quality of life, health, and environment. As one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gas in the world, California must take the lead. California will benefit from policies that support development and investment in clean, efficient energy and innovative technologies. We can reduce greenhouse gas and save money. For example, DuPont has reduced GHG emissions by almost 70 percent since 1990 and realized a net savings \$2 billion. IBM reduced GHG emissions by 65 percent realized a net savings of \$791 million. CalEPA estimates that worldwide demand for new technologies developed to reduce GHG emissions will create a global market potential of over \$180 billion annually.

I urge your administration to move forward expeditiously in implementing the strategies your staff recommended for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. I understand that all of the recommended strategies must be implemented to meet California's targets.

Sincerely,



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